



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Prune and Plum Harvest Almost Complete

Agricultural Summary

For the week ending September 27, average weekly temperatures ranged from three degrees to eleven degrees above normal. No precipitation was reported statewide. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, planting winter wheat and harvesting alfalfa, dry beans, small grains, and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate topsoil moisture to be 16% very short, 36% short, 48% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, many crop harvests are coming to a close. Onions harvested, at 82 percent complete, is 14 percentage points ahead of the 5 year average. Plum and prune harvest is 95 percent complete. Winter wheat planting and emergence is 49 and 7 percent complete, respectively. The Power County extension educator reported some areas of crusting that may hinder emergence of winter wheat.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No livestock problems were reported. Range and pasture conditions declined slightly from last week. The third and fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 80 and 39 percent complete, respectively.

Crop Progress Table

| Percentages | 2009 | 2008 | Avg. |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Field Corn Harvested for Silage | 58 | 36 | 65 |
| Potato Vines Dying/Killed | 91 | 92 | 96 |
| Dry Beans Harvested | 85 | 73 | 79 |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting | 39 | 44 | 63 |
| Peaches Harvested | 96 | 94 | 98 |
| Onions Harvested | 82 | 74 | 68 |

Condition Table

| Percentages | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Range & Pasture | 2 | 13 | 32 | 48 | 5 |
| Potatoes | 0 | 1 | 4 | 86 | 9 |
| Irr. Water Supply | 0 | 5 | 9 | 70 | 16 |

Crop Progress District Table

| Crop | North | | | Southwest | | | South-Central | | | East | | | State | | |
|--------------------|-------|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|---------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|
| | 2009 | 2008 | Avg | 2009 | 2008 | Avg | 2009 | 2008 | Avg | 2009 | 2008 | Avg | 2009 | 2008 | Avg |
| Barley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 94 | 93 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 98 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | 38 | 35 | 24 | 46 | 59 | 60 | 46 | 59 | 53 | 65 | 56 | 57 | 49 | 47 | 42 |
| Emerged | -- | -- | -- | 13 | 1 | 13 | -- | 7 | 10 | 17 | 9 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvested | NA | NA | NA | -- | 3 | 3 | 9 | -- | 8 | 5 | -- | 6 | 7 | -- | 7 |
| Potato | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvested | NA | NA | NA | 81 | 86 | 84 | 39 | 28 | 34 | 24 | 17 | 21 | 31 | 25 | 29 |
| Alfalfa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Third Cutting..... | NA | NA | NA | 99 | 93 | 99 | 94 | 99 | 99 | 58 | 71 | 80 | 80 | 86 | 91 |

Avg (2004 – 2008); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 27, 2009 ^{1/}

| Station | Weekly Air Temperature | | | | Weekly Precipitation | | Since Mar 1 Precipitation | | Growing Degree Days Since March 1 | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|----|-----|-----|----------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total Inches | DFN | Total Inches | DFN | Base 40 Total | Base 50 Total | Base 50 DFN |
| North | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coeur D' Alene | 89 | 42 | 62 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.28 | 10.79 | 0.06 | 3817 | 2207 | 99 |
| Grangeville | 87 | 37 | 64 | 11 | 0.00 | -0.42 | 14.24 | -0.98 | 3682 | 2080 | 510 |
| Lewiston | 92 | 45 | 69 | 9 | 0.00 | -0.15 | 5.59 | -1.33 | 5052 | 3208 | 443 |
| Porthill | 84 | 35 | 59 | 8 | 0.00 | -0.29 | 11.22 | 1.39 | 3480 | 1895 | 264 |
| Winchester | 88 | 32 | 60 | 9 | 0.00 | -0.35 | 12.45 | -2.11 | 3046 | 1568 | 487 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boise | 90 | 39 | 65 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.2 | 8.31 | 2.37 | 4696 | 2870 | 231 |
| Emmett | 92 | 42 | 65 | 7 | 0.00 | -0.2 | 6.98 | 1.11 | 4618 | 2849 | 315 |
| Glenns Ferry | 92 | 34 | 66 | 7 | 0.00 | -0.13 | 8.45 | 3.91 | 4649 | 2867 | 322 |
| Grandview | 92 | 37 | 64 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 3.78 | -0.13 | 4633 | 2811 | -8 |
| Nampa | 89 | 42 | 65 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 4.02 | -1.05 | 4634 | 2817 | 173 |
| Parma | 94 | 41 | 66 | 9 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 4.19 | -1.37 | 4774 | 2938 | 456 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | 86 | 26 | 57 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 7.70 | 1.1 | 2850 | 1364 | -78 |
| Malta | 88 | 27 | 58 | 4 | 0.00 | -0.16 | 7.53 | 0.33 | 3568 | 1931 | -49 |
| Picabo | 86 | 30 | 61 | 10 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 7.80 | 1.7 | 3472 | 1934 | 371 |
| Rupert | 86 | 34 | 60 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 5.27 | 0.08 | 3726 | 2077 | 44 |
| Twin Falls | 86 | 37 | 63 | 8 | 0.00 | -0.15 | 6.44 | 1.13 | 4033 | 2321 | 383 |
| East | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 84 | 33 | 58 | 6 | 0.00 | -0.21 | 7.7 | 2.16 | 3507 | 1905 | 195 |
| Ashton | 84 | 25 | 55 | 5 | 0.00 | -0.29 | 10.93 | 0.22 | 2818 | 1324 | 10 |
| Fort Hall | 84 | 35 | 59 | 5 | 0.00 | -0.21 | 8.53 | 1.37 | 3512 | 1913 | -22 |
| Idaho Falls | 86 | 34 | 60 | 7 | 0.00 | -0.21 | 7.48 | 0.92 | 3603 | 1972 | 161 |
| Lava Hot Springs | 85 | 32 | 57 | 3 | 0.00 | -0.21 | 11.28 | 4.54 | 3411 | 1826 | -109 |
| Montevue | 84 | 32 | 56 | 4 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 5.89 | -0.31 | 3100 | 1558 | -147 |
| Preston | 83 | 35 | 59 | 5 | 0.00 | -0.28 | 10.31 | 1.65 | 3832 | 2152 | 121 |
| Rexburg | 85 | 27 | 55 | 5 | 0.00 | -0.24 | 8.82 | 0.78 | 3025 | 1475 | 70 |

^{1/} Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.